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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN WEO GROUP

1. THOUGH NEVER FORMALLY MEMBER OF WEO GROUP AT GA, US IS, AS MISSION FULLY AWARE, RECOGNIZED MEMBER OF GROUP IN CONTEXT ECOSOC AND RELATED BODIES AND ALSO PARTICIPATES REGULARLY IN WEO CONSULTATIVE GROUPS IN CERTAIN GA COMMITTEES, I.E. SECOND, THIRD, FIFTH AND SIXTH, AND ON AD HOC BASIS ON OTHER MATTERS. AT RECENT PRE-GA NATO CONSULTATIONS, US WAS URGED TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH WEO GROUP.

2. DEPT BELIEVES VARIOUS FORMS OF US PARTICIPATION TO DATE IN WEO GROUP HAVE PROVED BE IN OVERALL US INTEREST AND IS PREPARED SEE THIS PARTICIPATION EXTENDED EXCEPT FOR CANDIDACY QUESTIONS IF IT DOES NOT HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS.

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3. DEPT WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE MISSION'S COMMENTS REGARDING

(1) SOME FORM US MEMBERSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN WEO GROUP,
(2) RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS OF IMPROVING PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WEO CONSULTATIONS AT GA, AND
(3) POSSIBLE FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GROUP. IN ANY CASE, OUR INTENTION IS DEVELOP CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND PARTICIPATION ON POLITICAL AND TACTICAL ISSUES WITH WEOS, WHILE KEEPING OPEN OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS. KISSINGER

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